



**PERTUSSIS  
(WHOOPING COUGH)  
IS IN ALABAMA  
PROTECT YOURSELF  
AND YOUR  
FAMILY**

**WHAT IS WHOOPING COUGH?**

Whooping cough - or pertussis - is a very serious respiratory (in the lungs and breathing tubes) infection caused by the pertussis bacteria. It causes violent coughing you can't stop. Whooping cough is most harmful for young babies and can be deadly.

**WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF WHOOPING COUGH?**

Early symptoms can last for 1 to 2 weeks and usually include

- Runny nose
- Low-grade fever
- Mild, occasional cough
- Apnea - a pause in breathing (in babies)

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**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER  
TO GET VACCINATED AND FOR TREATMENT.**

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